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FBI lab finds no clues in Levy probe

WASHINGTON – An FBI laboratory analysis of clothing found with former federal intern Chandra Levy's remains provided no clues about her killer's identity, law enforcement officials said Thursday. Police hoped that Levy's T-shirt, running bra, leggings and exercise shoes would hold microscopic traces of blood, hair, fibers or semen that could lead them to her attacker. Her case drew national attention because of her relationship with Rep. Gary Condit, D-California. Condit, 54 and married, reportedly told police he and Levy, a constituent from Modesto, California, were having an affair, but police do not consider him a suspect in her death.

Truck, missile movement reported in Iraq

WASHINGTON – The movement of trucks and missiles inside Iraq has U.S. officials wondering if the nation is preparing for a U.S. military action, sources have told CNN.

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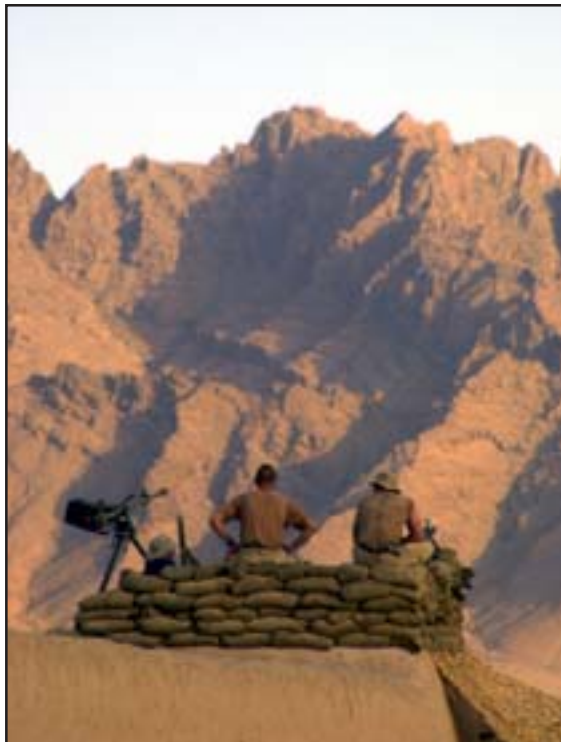


Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta

Guard duty

Army Pfc. Michael Guthrie (left) and Todd Green, riflemen, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg N.C., occupy a guard post next to a Soviet 12.7 mm Anti-Aircraft machine gun left over from the country's previous war. The unit provides security for missions conducted in the Khandahar region of Afghanistan.

CJCMOTF: helping to rebuild Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan – After September 11, American and Afghan lives changed dramatically. Combat troops went out in search for al Qaeda and Taliban forces

while an organization was born to help rebuild Afghanistan.

The organization, the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, is the first of its kind in the U.S. military to be created and deployed. Headquartered in Kabul, Afghanistan, the task force has sub-

ordinate Civil-Military Operations Centers in Karshi Khanabad, Uzbekistan and Bagram, Afghanistan.

On April 25, Col. Cassel J. Nutter Jr., of the 122nd Rear Operations Center, Georgia Army National Guard located in Savannah, Ga., assumed command of CJCMOTF,

replacing Brig. Gen. David Kratzer, deputy commander of the 377th Theater Support Command, an Army Reserve unit from New Orleans, La.

CJCMOTF was initially designed and given

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More aid needed to help Afghan government

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
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WASHINGTON – Security is not the most serious concern inside Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said today. Rather, supporting the new civilian government is now the international community's most pressing priority.

"There's one region where there is difficulty, southeast of Kabul, but throughout the rest of the country, ... the situation is reasonably stable," Rumsfeld told Pentagon reporters.

To help strengthen the transitional government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, U.S. and coalition special operations and civil affairs are working throughout the country and in conjunction with nongovernmental organizations to improve Afghanistan's infrastructure.

Such forces are digging wells and rebuilding roads, bridges, school and hospitals, Rumsfeld said.

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the primary mission of providing humanitarian assistance, coordinating with more than 24 international organizations or non-governmental organizations in addition to the Afghan government.

"We are not just a civil affairs organization," said Nutter. "We may have conventional and Special Operations Forces assigned, but work to coordinate humanitarian efforts with IOs and NGOs to alleviate and mitigate suffering populations."

The CJCMOTF first worked for the Combined Force Land Component Commander, headquartered in Camp Doha, Kuwait, to execute humanitarian projects at the operational and tactical levels. In the spring, the CJCMOTF transitioned from Kuwait to its higher headquarters, Coalition Joint Task Force-

180, headquartered at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The task force's augmentees deployed in late December 2001, and by late March, had grown to more than 250 service members and represented people from six countries, five branches of the military and 25 units.

The CJCMOTF also has nine Civil Humanitarian Liaison Cells in Kabul, Bagram Air Base, Konduz, Mazar-e-Sharif, Herat, Khandahar Airfield, Khowst, Deh Rawod, and Bamian. These CHLCs consist of four to seven people who conduct area assessments and coordination with International Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as with local Afghan leaders. They also nominate Overseas Humanitarian Disaster and Civil Assistance projects and the Project Execu-

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tion Teams to execute them.

CJCMOTF identifies and coordinates civil-military operations throughout Afghanistan, including Afghanistan Transitional Authority support, IOs and NGOs, and U.S. government agencies.

To date, CJCMOTF spent \$6 million of OHDACA funds on humanitarian projects, with 116 approved projects, 53 completed, 60 near completion, and three previously ap-

proved projects transferred to other agencies. Benefiting from these projects and funds are: 18,000 employed Afghan workers, 50 schools and 62,100 students, 15 medical facilities and 526,000 people; one veterinary facility and 90,000 people, 12 water projects and 259,000 people (total of 89 wells) and 12 other projects and 300,000 people.

Since the birth of CJCMOTF, the task force has participated in the Tokyo Donors conference, the Geneva Donors Conference, Nahrin earthquake relief, Operation Anaconda, Operation Condor, the Muslim pilgrim (Hajj), Afghan grand council meeting (Loya Jirga), Opening over flight routes over Afghanistan, and Hemorrhagic fever assessment in Tiawara province and support of International Women's Day in Kabul.

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Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., gave other details of military forces providing humanitarian and civil assistance in Afghanistan. Franks is responsible for all American and coalition forces in the region that includes Afghanistan and Iraq.

In the past four to five months, more than 60 civil projects have been completed. Among them:

- ❖ "A tremendous number" of wells have been dug.

- ❖ A series of roads and a bridge have been built or repaired to complete a route between Bagram and Kabul. "A major route that provides for access all the way up to the northern countries of Central

Asia has been completed now," Franks said.

- ❖ More than 38 schools have been rebuilt and opened by the Afghans with support of coalition members.

- ❖ Medical facilities have been opened in every large city in Afghanistan, providing medical treatment to scores of people who haven't had access to a doctor in up to 20 years.

- ❖ 600-700 metric tons of building materials have gone to villages.

An additional 55 to 60 such projects are under way. Franks explained that on any given day, between 100 and 200 "troopers" are working with more than 300 nongovernmental organizations in 40 or more locations inside Afghanistan.

Three coalition countries - Korea, Spain and Jordan - are

running hospitals inside Afghanistan. Franks noted more than 100,000 Afghans have been treated at the Jordanian military hospital in Mazar-e Sharif.

"That sort of reminds me of the fact that up until last year, 26 million people in Afghanistan had not had much medical (care)," he said. "And women for sure had had no medical (care)," Franks added, noting that under the Taliban women were not allowed to work as doctors and male doctors were not allowed to treat female patients.

Rumsfeld said countries that have pledged aid to Afghanistan need to speed up the donations. He noted more than \$5 billion dollars in aid was pledged for this year through a series of donor conferences. Less than one-third has been delivered so far.

"The international community is not yet delivering the level of assistance to President Karzai and his team that is needed," Rumsfeld said. "The ministers don't have a structure under them so they can actually govern the entire country."

The secretary said America's goal for Afghanistan is for it to achieve self-governance and self-sufficiency and not be a haven for terrorists. And he said he's seen significant progress in that direction.

"Does that mean everything is just right in Afghanistan? To be sure, it is not," Franks said. "But what it does mean is that there is a government in Afghanistan that is trying to move forward to the future, and I think our coalition is pleased to be part of that move."

HIND SIGHT

1590

John White, the leader of 117 colonists sent in 1587 to Roanoke Island (North Carolina) to establish a colony, returns from a trip to England to find the settlement deserted. No trace of the settlers is ever found.

1833

The first steam ship to cross the Atlantic entirely on its own power, the Canadian ship *Royal William*, begins her journey from Nova Scotia to The Isle of Wight.

1942

Marine raiders attack Makin Island in the Gilbert Islands from two submarines.

1960

American Francis Gary Powers pleads guilty at his Moscow trial for spying over the Soviet Union in a U-2 plane.

1978

Three Americans complete the first crossing of the Atlantic in a balloon.

On Wednesday, sources said, a convoy of trucks moved into what the United States suspects to be an Iraqi biological weapons facility, raising concerns about what new activity might be taking place there. On Tuesday, officials also learned that Iraq has relocated dozens of surface-to-air missiles and launchers around central Iraq, possibly to evade what Baghdad believes may be an imminent U.S. air attack, sources said.

Pilot wants apology over arrest

LONDON — An Algerian pilot freed after five months in a British prison on suspicion of training Sept. 11 hijackers said on Wednesday he had been treated as “guilty until proven innocent.” London-based Lotfi Raissi said he would sue the British and U.S. authorities unless they apologized for his arrest and treatment during his spell at a top security jail. “If we don’t receive an apology, it is all in the hands of my solicitor,” Raissi told BBC Radio 4. “I believe the law states that a man is innocent until proven guilty — I was guilty until proven innocent.” British police arrested dozens of people, mostly of Middle Eastern origin, on suspicion of terror offenses under sweeping anti-terrorism laws brought in after the Sept. 11 attacks, which Washington blamed on Saudi militant Osama bin Laden.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<u>Bagram:</u>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 95F L: 84F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 95F L: 78F
<u>Khandahar:</u>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 102F L: 79F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 104F L: 77F
<u>Kabul:</u>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 95F L: 73F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 95F L: 73F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	<i>Clear</i> H: 96F L: 64F	<i>Clear</i> H: 100F L: 66F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

Funk heads crowded leaderboard

CHASKA, Minn. — Fred Funk was reluctant to leave Hazeltine National Golf Club when the storm arrived. He was holing every putt, slapping every hand, leading the PGA Championship and having the time of his life.

Wait until he sees what's in store when he comes back.

The forecast calls for strong wind, with gusts that could approach 40 mph.

"I think par will be about 78," Funk said Friday.

Making it even tougher are the cast of characters behind him — a collection of major championship winners, including Tiger Woods.

"I'm just trying to have a really good time and enjoy the moment, however long this lasts," said Funk, a 46-year-old with five PGA Tour victories, none of them even close to resembling a major. "If it last all the way to the end of Sunday, that's great."

The first step is finishing off the second round.

Funk charged up the galleries with one birdie after another, including one on the 636-yard third hole that put him at 8 under. He made his only bogey on No. 4, hitting out of the bunker to 3 feet and missing the putt.

Then, the siren sounded to stop play and Funk's day in the sun was over.

He was at 7-under par and has five holes to play when Funk and 40 others return to the course at 7:30 a.m. Saturday to finish the round.

Already in the clubhouse are Mark Calcavecchia, Retief Goosen, Justin Leonard and Rich Beem, all of them at 6-under 138. Lurking is Woods, who put together an early charge and was at 3 under with two holes to play. Ernie Els was another stroke behind.

"I'm not going to back down," Funk said.

Such confidence comes from a strong-but-short game and his knack for holing just about every putt. Perspective comes from an older brother, 57-year-old Bernie Funk, back in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., who recently decided to seek help for a drinking problem.

"I'm so proud of him," Funk said. "It's been very emotional, and I've been using him a strength, because he showed a lot of strength to do what he's doing. If I end up not playing well, it's not because I'm scared. I'm going to go out there and give it my all."

Bibby to sign \$80 million contract with Kings

LAS VEGAS — Mike Bibby played like a star during the Sacramento Kings' run to the Western Conference finals last season. Now he'll be paid like a star as well.

Bibby signed a seven-year, \$80 million contract with the Kings on Friday. Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof announced the signing during a celebratory news conference with Bibby at The Palms casino in Las Vegas, which is owned by the Maloof family.

2002 Major League standings

American League East			GB
N.Y. Yankees	75-44	.630	-
Boston	69-51	.575	6.5
Baltimore	58-61	.487	17
American League Central			GB
Minnesota	72-51	.585	-
Chicago (AL)	58-64	.475	13.5
Cleveland	53-66	.445	17
American League West			GB
Seattle	74-47	.612	-
Anaheim	72-48	.600	1.5
Oakland	71-51	.582	3.5
National League East			GB
Atlanta	79-41	.655	-
Montreal	60-61	.496	19.5
Philadelphia	59-62	.487	20.5
National League Central			GB
St. Louis	66-53	.555	-
Houston	63-58	.521	4
Cincinnati	62-58	.517	4.5
National League West			GB
Arizona	77-45	.631	-
Los Angeles	69-53	.566	8
San Francisco	66-54	.550	10

Friday's scores

Anaheim 5-1 Cleveland, Btm 7th
 Florida 4-2 San Francisco
 Kansas City 6-5 Tampa Bay
 Montreal 11-6 San Diego
 Minnesota 5-0 Boston
 Philadelphia 4-0 St. Louis
 Texas 6-5 Toronto
 Milwaukee 10-3 Pittsburgh
 Detroit 6-5 Baltimore
 Los Angeles 3-2 N.Y. Mets
 Oakland 1-0 Chicago W. Sox, Top 9th
 N.Y. Yankees 5-3 Seattle, Top 6th
 Arizona 2-1 Chicago Cubs
 Cincinnati 9-3 Houston
 Atlanta 4-1 Colorado

Wild Card Races

NL

1. Los Angeles .566
 2. San Francisco .550
 3. Houston .521
 4. Cincinnati .517
 5. Montreal .496

AL

1. Anaheim .600
 2. Oakland .582
 3. Boston .575
 4. Baltimore .487
 5. Chicago .475